

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By **REPRESENTATIVE BILL WARDEN**, on April 4, 2005  
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Gary Branae, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Bob Lake, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. John Balyeat (R)  
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Rep. Tom Facey (D)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)  
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)  
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)  
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)  
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)  
Rep. Scott Sales (R)  
Rep. Bill Warden (R)  
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Karl Waitschies, Chairman (R)

**Members Absent:** Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. Margaret H. Campbell (D)  
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)  
Rep. Holly Raser (D)

**Staff Present:** Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch  
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 219, 3/30/2005; SB 276,  
3/30/2005; SB 303, 3/30/2005

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON SB 219****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:15 SEN. JOHN BRUEGGEMAN (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 219, Income tax credit related to repayment of certain student loans.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:22 Stuart Doggett, representing Montana Community Colleges  
00:05:28 Jessica Grennan, Associated Students of University of Montana also speaking for Connie Summers of Montana State University, Billings  
00:06:30 David Oberembt, Montana State University student  
00:07:16 Erin Rogge, University of Montana student

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.**Informational Testimony:**

00:08:18 Jim McKeon, Montana Department of Revenue

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:34 REP. BRANAE  
00:09:56 REP. GRINDE  
00:10:26 REP. WISEMAN  
00:13:48 REP. ROSS  
00:15:10 REP. FACEY  
00:16:50 REP. WARDEN

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:17:38 SEN. JOHN BRUEGGEMAN (R), closed the hearing on SB 219.

**HEARING ON SB 303****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:19:29 SEN. JON ELLINGSON (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 303, Full deductibility of medical expenses.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:23:42 Claudia Clifford, AARP of Montana  
[EXHIBIT \(tah71a01\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT \(tah71a02\)](#)

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**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

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**Informational Testimony:**

00:25:50 Jim McKeon, Montana Department of Revenue

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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:25:59 REP. McALPIN

00:28:08 REP. LAMBERT

00:33:12 REP. BUTCHER

00:34:50 REP. FACEY

00:36:25 REP. LAKE

00:44:14 REP. BUTCHER

00:46:24 REP. LAKE

00:48:14 REP. BUTCHER

00:48:42 REP. WISEMAN

00:51:57 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES arrived at Committee Hearing.

00:53:18 REP. McALPIN

00:53:35 REP. FACEY

00:54:15 REP. WARDEN

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**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:54:36 SEN. JON ELLINGSON (D) closed the hearing on SB 303.

00:57:52 Break

01:03:53 Resume

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**HEARING ON SB 276**

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**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:04:23 SEN. KEITH BALES (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 276, Revise taxes on bentonite.

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**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:15:34        **REP. CAROL LAMBERT, HD 39**

01:16:48        Bill Loehding, Carter County Commissioner

**EXHIBIT (tah71a03)**

01:18:54        Bill Trevethan, Haliburton Energy Services

**EXHIBIT (tah71a04)**

01:23:49        Brian Lucas, Senior Accountant, American Colloid  
Company

01:25:37        Jerome Anderson, Attorney, representing WYO-Ben,  
Inc.

**EXHIBIT (tah71a05)**

01:26:55        William Duffield, Executive Director, Montana Oil  
and Gas Producing Counties

01:27:30        L. Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

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**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

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**Informational Testimony:**

01:28:35        Van Charlton, Montana Department of Revenue

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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:28:53        **REP. ROSS**

01:32:04        **REP. McALPIN**

01:33:24        **REP. FACEY**

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**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:34:45        **SEN. KEITH BALES (R)** closed the hearing on **SB 276**.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:45 A.M.

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REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

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DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([tah71aad0.TIF](#))**